

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement.

The Examiner states that there are five species corresponding respectively to Figures 10, 14, 19, 21, and 22. Applicant admits that several and various embodiments are illustrated in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that separate patent applications for the various features have been filed. The present application is specifically directed to Figure 19, Species III. Applicant hereby elects Species III corresponding to Claims 1-43. That is, the present claims and application are specifically directed to trailering.

Species I is directed to Figure 1 and is a generic brake-steer system. No mention of trailering is set forth therein.

Species II corresponding to Figure 14 is specifically directed to a method of applying brake-steer.

Species IV is directed to Figure 21 and is specifically directed to detecting a U-turn and applying brake-steer in response to a U-turn. As mentioned above, this application is directed to trailering.

Species V is directed to Figure 22 and is specifically directed to an object detection system. As mentioned above, the present application is directed to applying brake-steer during trailering.

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every one of the independent claims is directed to detecting a trailer. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to consider Claims 1-43 directed to Species III.

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that all objections are now overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 06-1510.

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